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1. OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING. INDEX WEIGHT FOR IMPUTED RENT FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLINGS IS BASED ON ESTIMATED EQUIVALENT RENTAL VALUE IN BOTH 1963 - 100 AND 1974 - 100 SERIES. PRIOR SERIES USED RESULTS IN QUESTIONS ON MORTGAGE INTEREST, TAXES AND INSURANCE, BUT 1969 EVALUATION WHICH SET UP 1968 - 100 SERIES DECIDED TO SHIFT TO ESTIMATED EQUIVALENT RENTAL VALUE BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING ACCURATE DATA ON ACTUAL COSTS. THE 1959 - 100 SERIES WAS ALSO SHIFTED TO EQUIVALENT RENTAL VALUE BASIS IN 1969. THE 1973 EVALUATION WHICH RESULTED IN 1974 - 100 SERIES GAVE CENTRAL STATISTICE BUREAU NO REASON TO CHANGE METHOD OF HANDLING OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING.

2. ADJUSTMENT OF ITEMS AND WEIGHTS. STATISTICS BUREAU SENDS OUT TO LOCAL OFFICES EVERY SECOND YEAR NEW DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO BE OBSERVED ALONG WITH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REVISION. PERIODICALLY, MORE EXTENSIVE EVALUATIONS AND SURVEYS ARE HELD. SUCH AN EVALUATION IN 1973, PREPARING FOR NEW SERIES BASED ON 1974, RESULTED IN LARGER THAN USUAL UPDATING OF INDICATORS AND INCREASING NUMBER BY 70 TO ABOUT 770. WE UNDERSTAND WEIGHTS DO NOT VARY MUCH WITHIN EACH SERIES ONCE IT IS ESTABLISHED. FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS WEIGHTS FOR EACH GROUP OF ITEMS IN BOTH 1968 - 100

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AND 1974 - 100 SERIES. STATISTIC BUREAU HANDBOOK ON

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, IN NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE, FOLLOWS
BY POUCH.

3. A SUMMARY OF CONSUMPTION GROUPS AND WEIGHTS IN
THE CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX

WEIGHTS 0/00			
	1968-100	1974-100	
FOOD	296.1	240.7	
BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO		40.9	49.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR		123.3	105.9
HOUSING, ELECTRICITY AND FUEL#		114.8	129.4
FURNITURES AND HOUSEHOLDS		97.1	94.0
HEALTH CARE	19.2	23.2	
TRAVELS ANDTRANSPORTATION#		161.9	195.9
LEISURE TIME ACTIVIGIES AND EDUCATION		85.2	97.8
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES		61.5	63.6
TOTAL	1,000.0	1,000.0	

IN THE CONSUMPTION SURVEY OF 1973 PROPERTY TAX AND MOTOR
VEHICLE TAX HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN INCOME, SOCIAL SECURITY
AND OTHER TAXES.
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